Youth Manufacturing Pipeline Initiative (YMPI)
High School Commitment Letter

Bacon Academy is committed to the success of the Eastern CT Workforce Investment Board's *(EWIB)* Youth Manufacturing Pipeline Initiative *(YMPI)*. With this commitment, we are dedicated to the following:

- Embed the 150-hour curriculum provided to us by EWIB into our school academic programming
- Market the program in the school and district. Engage and select students who are considering a career path in manufacturing. Cultivate industry partnerships in our area as potential employment placements for YMPI graduates.
- Schedule students with EWIB to take the Manufacturing Skills Inventory. If the students do not pass, we are committed to remediate the students during the school year so that they may retake the assessment.
- Provide students with soft skills, such as resume writing, interviewing techniques/skills, and communication skills.
- Complete the YMPI program by meeting each benchmark within the curriculum to prepare students to pass the Hands-On Evaluation in May. We will refer students to the Evaluation who are academically prepared and emotionally ready to enter the workforce.
- Send a representative to a monthly meeting at the EWIB to discuss the progress of the YMPI in our school. We are willing to send instructors to Professional Development opportunities relevant to delivering the YMPI program effectively (as available).
- Work with roving EWIB personnel who will support the program delivery.
- If we are asked by the media to comment on the YMPI, we will mention EWIB as our partner with the program.

We understand that if Bacon Academy fails to meet these commitments, our school may be removed as a partner of the YMPI program. We further understand that while our students will receive job skills aligned to the manufacturing industry as well as pre-apprenticeship & potential college credits, a career cannot be guaranteed by EWIB as the hiring process is the discretion of the participating employers.

We look forward to partnering with EWIB.

Sincerely,

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